

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 94

Adopted in Senate August 15, 2002

Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the Assembly

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Deputy Secretary of State

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RESOLUTION CHAPTER _____

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 94—Relative to the Deran Koligian Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 94, Costa. Deran Koligian Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 180 as the “Deran Koligian Memorial Highway.” The measure also would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers showing that special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those plaques and markers.

WHEREAS, Deran Koligian was elected to the Fresno County Board of Supervisors in 1982, where he served with distinction until the date of his passing on December 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, Deran Koligian, the son of Armenian immigrants, was born in Fresno County and raised on his family farm in the Kearney Park community; and

WHEREAS, Deran Koligian was a World War II veteran with service in the South Pacific and, after the war, returned home to attend Fresno State College and to manage his family’s farm; and

WHEREAS, Deran Koligian began his public service in 1957, spending 24 years on school boards in western Fresno County, including the Madison Elementary School Board and the Central High School Board; and

WHEREAS, Deran Koligian was an active member of St. Paul’s Armenian Church and was the first Armenian-American to be elected to office in Fresno County; and

WHEREAS, Deran Koligian was a strong supporter of agriculture and a protector of agricultural lands from urban encroachment; and

WHEREAS, Deran Koligian was a vocal supporter of Measure C, which provided local augmentation for the construction and maintenance of state highways and local roads, and, as a member of the Fresno Transportation Authority, was instrumental in securing funds for numerous road and highway transportation



projects, including the extension and widening of State Highway Route 180 in western Fresno County; and

WHEREAS, It would be a fitting tribute to the memory of Fresno County Supervisor Deran Koligian for a portion of State Highway Route 180 to be named the Deran Koligian Memorial Highway; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby officially designates the portion of State Highway Route 180 from State Highway Route 99 to State Highway Route 33, and upon completion, from State Highway Route 33 to Interstate Highway 5, the Deran Koligian Memorial Highway; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing this special designation, and upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those plaques and markers; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the author of this resolution for distribution.

Attest:

Secretary of State

